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SUBJECT: SSOD: PROGRAM OF ACTION - ZONES OF PEACE

REF: USUN 2522

SUMMARY: NON-ALIGNED HAVE INTRODUCED NEW TEXTS ON
ZONES OF PEACE. DELEGATION REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS.
END SUMMARY.

1. AT JUNE 20 DRAFTING GROUP MEETING ON NUCLEAR ISSUES,
NON-ALIGNED STATES PROPOSED NEW INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH ON
ZONES OF PEACE. AFTER DISCUSSIONS AND MODIFICATION, TEXT
NOW READS:

"THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES OF PEACE IN VARIOUS REGIONS
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OF THE WORLD, UNDER APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS TO BE CLEARLY
DEFINED AND DETERMINED BY THE STATES IN THE ZONE
(CONCERNED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR VIEWS, AND)
IN CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER STATES CONCERNED, TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ZONE AND THE PRINCIPLES
OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND IN CONFORMITY
WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW CAN CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING

THE SECURITY OF STATES WITHIN SUCH ZONES AND TO INTER-NATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AS A WHOLE." (UK BRACKETED PHRASES INDICATED.)

2. TEXT WAS INTRODUCED BY MALAYSIA ON BEHALF OF NON-ALIGNED WHO INDICATED THAT THEY HAD MADE EFFORT TO TAKE VIEWS OF OTHER STATES (I.E., THE WEST) INTO ACCOUNT.

3. COMMENT: MOST STATES (INCLUDING WESTERN EUROPEANS) SEEM PREPARED TO AGREE TO PROPERLY-FORMULATED INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH REFERRING TO GENERAL CONCEPT OF ZONES OF PEACE. IN ABSENCE INSTRUCTIONS, US DELOFF BRACKETED NEW PARAGRAPH NOTING OUR PROBLEMS WITH REFERENCE TO ZONES OF PEACE WITHOUT CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCH ZONES. US DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT IN SEEKING COMPROMISE ON ENTIRE ZONE OF PEACE SECTION, IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO AGREE ON PROPERLY WORDED INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 1 WITH BRACKETED PHRASE DELETED. INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH, WHICH NOTES NEED FOR BOTH REGIONAL AND NON-REGIONAL STATES TO CO-OPERATE IN DETERMINING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH TO CREATE SUCH ZONES WOULD PROVIDE US OPPORTUNITY TO ARGUE THAT ITS AGREEMENT IS ESSENTIAL BEFORE ZONES OF PEACE CAN BE ESTABLISHED. DELEGATION REQUESTS URGENT GUIDANCE ON THIS ISSUE AND ON SPECIFIC LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN PARA 1.

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4. INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE: CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP NOTED THAT THERE HAD NOT BEEN OPPORTUNITY FOR EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF SECTION ON INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE AND THEREFORE DEFERRED CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECT PENDING FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AMONG INTERESTED STATES.

5. OTHER ZONES OF PEACE: NON-ALIGNED INTRODUCED FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH:

"THE CREATION OF ZONES OF PEACE IN OTHER AREAS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRINCIPLE OUTLINED IN PARA ... (INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH) IS DESIRABLE, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN WHERE STATES IN THE REGION HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH ZONES"

6. ITALY AND FRANCE (SUPPORTED BY US) BRACKETED REFERENCE TO THE MEDITERRANEAN, WHICH WAS DEFENDED BY MALTA.

7. REFERENCE TO ZONE OF PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WAS SUPPORTED BY MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES, AND

VIETNAM. UK, ITALY, FRG, AUSTRALIA HAVE INDICATED
SUPPORT FOR REFERENCE, US DELOFF BRACKETED REFERENCE,
NOTING THAT WE WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, BUT STATED
THAT IN DETERMINING ITS POSITION, US WOULD TAKE INTO
ACCOUNT SUPPORT INDICATED BY THE STATES OF THE REGION
FOR THIS CONCEPT.

8. COMMENT: SOUTHEAST ASIA ZONE OF PEACE WAS ORIGINALLY
SUGGESTED BY MALAYSIA. DURING SSOD, CONCEPT WAS SUPPORTED
BY VIETNAM, WHICH INTRODUCED PAPER (BEING HAND-CARRIED TO
DEPARTMENT BY PM (ARIETTI) THAT DESCRIBES ZONE OF PEACE
IN TERMS OF ACTIONS AMONG THE STATES OF THE REGION TO
PROMOTE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION.
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STATES SUPPORT REFERENCE TO SOUTHEAST ASIA ZONE OF PEASE

IN SSOD DOCUMENT. ASEAN STATES HAVE BEEN WORKING ON
BLUEPRINT OF A ZONE OF PEACE, BUT DETAILS ARE NOT YET
AGREED. THERE IS NO TIME-FRAME FOR CREATION OF A ZONE.
DEL REQUESTS URGENT INSTRUCTIONS ON WHETHER IT CAN
SUPPORT REFERENCE TO CREATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIA ZONE OF
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